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Free and Affordable Treatment for the Poor
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing free and affordable treatment for all diseases to the poor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise/region-wise, number of poor persons provided proper treatment in hospital under the said scheme;

(c) whether the Government has identified Government/Private hospitals at block/panchayat level for the purpose of providing free and affordable treatment to the poor and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any complaint has been received in respect of quality of medicines being provided to the patients living below poverty line, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): "Public Health & Hospitals" being a State subject, the primary responsibility for providing free and affordable treatment for all diseases to the poor lies with respective State/UT Governments. Technical and financial support under the National Health Mission (NHM) is provided to States/ UTs for strengthening their health system including support for physical infrastructure, engaging health human resource on contractual basis, provision of free essential drugs and diagnostics, ambulances etc.

Under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) which is a centrally sponsored scheme, cashless treatment for hospitalisation cases is provided for family of five with insurance upto Rs. 30,000/- per annum for BPL and 11 specified categories of unorganized workers. Further, Senior Citizens Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) as top up over existing RSBY scheme has been implemented from 01.04.2016 for senior citizens aged 60 years and above which provides additional coverage of Rs. 30,000 per senior citizen in the family enrolled under RSBY.

(b): As per Health Management Information System (HMIS), the State/UT wise details of OPD and IPD in public health facilities for the year 2016-17 is at Annexure-I. The state-wise details of hospitalization under RSBY during the year 2016-17 are at Annexure-II.

(c): Public Health and hospitals being a State subject, implementation of NHM is carried out by States/UTs. Under RSBY, both public and private hospitals are empanelled by State Government. The state-wise details of hospitals empanelled under RSBY during the year 2016-17 are at Annexure-III.

(d): As per information received from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), they have not received any specific complaint on quality of medicines provided to the patients living below poverty line. However, as and when isolated complaints from various Hospitals Authorities on quality of medicines are received, action is initiated by CDSCO, as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945.